



The

Metamora Mennonite

WEEKLY

Following Jesus together.

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November 19, 2017

Sunday, November 19
10:45 am Worship at
Zion Baptist Church in
Peoria; 12:15 pm Meal

THIS WEEK

Monday
5:30 pm Work Night @
MMC

Tuesday & Saturday
9 am to noon Open Arms
Food Pantry
Distribution at the
OAFP

Wednesday
6 pm Prayer Gathering

Thursday
Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday
4 pm Wedding rehearsal

Saturday
1:30 pm Wedding

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 26
9:30 am Installation
Service for Pastor Eric
Potter

Monday, November 27
4 pm Growth for Service
@ Et Cetera



MARY of BETHANY

Everyday Christian Spirituality

Things to dwell on

Finally, sisters and brothers, all that is true, all that is holy, all that is fair, all that is pure, all that is delightful, whatever is commendable, if anything is (of) exceptional civic virtue, and if anything is worthy of praise, ponder these things, which also you learned and accepted and listened to and experienced in me. Do these things, and the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:8-9 AT

The word translated *of exceptional civic virtue* includes excellence of character and merit in a social context that “enhance the common interest” (BDAG lexicon). The word translated *commendable* includes the meaning of carefully chosen and respectful words.

Such a lifestyle is honorable and full of dignity, made possible by the Holy Spirit. The God of peace and salvation is with us.

Peace and All Good this week!

Pastor Jon

November Services:

11/19 at Zion Baptist Church
11/26 Eric Potter

THANK YOU / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Metamora Mennonite Church, Thank you for supporting my studies through the H.R. Schertz Memorial Scholarship. My wife and daughter and I recently came to AMBS after six years as missionaries in London, England, unsure about a return to life in the U.S. and to full-time studies. But we have been delighted by the ways we have been welcomed and encouraged by the campus community, and look forward to investing ourselves in the life and ministry of the seminary. I am in the first year of my MA in Theology and Peace Studies. Once I graduate, I hope to focus on interfaith peacebuilding in low-income urban neighborhoods, helping churches and others work together to grow healthier communities.

Thank you again for making this scholarship available to students like me. After years as a missionary, I could not afford seminary without your help. Your support for AMBS and the future leaders of the church is appreciated by all of us here.

With Gratitude, Pete



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Sharing Fund! Because of you, we were able to fill and ship 69 boxes for Operation Christmas Child, fill 100 MCC Hygiene Kits and fill 12 MCC Relief Buckets! When needs are met, people remember they are not forgotten and that someone is thinking of them, all in the name of Christ.

Blessings to each of you who helped give, pack and send. Let's remember to keep those in prayer who will be recipients of these items. To God be the Glory!

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Sunday, November 26 is the last day to look over the rough drafts of the church directory in the library and make any changes/additions/deletions. You may e-mail Michelle with your possible changes as well. Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, January 13, 5 pm at Metamora Mennonite Church, all men and boys of MMC and their guests are invited for food and fellowship. Soup and pie will be served!

METAMORA MENNONITE CHURCH: NEWS, EVENTS, SERVICE

WORSHIP AT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, November 19 we will worship with our friends at Zion Baptist Church. Worship begins at 10:45 am. The meal is at 12:15 pm, provided by their church. Zion is located at 323 West Martin Luther King Junior Drive, Peoria, IL 61605.

From Metamora, take Rt. 116 W to I-74 W.

Merge onto I-74, then use the right 2 lanes to take exit 94 toward downtown Peoria.

Merge onto W. Washington St.

Continue onto Bob Michel Bridge, then continue straight to N. William Kumpf Blvd. The road curves to the left, which is W. Martin Luther King Junior Dr. The church is on the right.

WORK NIGHT AT MMC

We will have a church project evening, **November 20**, starting at 5:30 pm. Please get there when you can. Projects include:

1. Pegboard installation in hallway at the front of the sanctuary (for equipment storage). Garret Stewart will coordinate.
2. Cleaning the inside of the sanctuary windows. Will require someone to climb tall ladder.

3. Painting the pastor's office. Requires removal of the wallpaper boarder. Need a wallpaper steaming tool! Need a coordinator for this project.
4. Clean up basement room under the office. Need to dispose of pool table. Anyone interested in taking it or we will cut up. Need a coordinator for this project.
5. If you know of other needs, please contact Jay Bachman.

PRAYER GATHERING

All are invited to join the next prayer gathering in the church library on **Wednesday, November 22** at 6 pm.

INSTALLATION SERVICE

Sunday, November 26, Michael Danner will be with us for Pastor Eric's Installation at 9:30 am.

GROWTH FOR SERVICE

Monday, November 27 Growth for Service meets at Et Cetera from 4 - 6 pm.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

The MMC Leadership Team meets **Monday, November 27** at 6:30 pm in the church library.



FIRST SUNDAY OAFP COLLECTION

In November, we are collecting laundry detergent, any brand, but smaller than 50 oz. Please bring your donations to MMC on **Sunday, December 3**.

MENNO HAVEN WINTER RETREATS

Young Adults: January 5-7 High School: January 12-14 Jr. High: January 19-21

Registrations forms are in the narthex. You may register and pay online at www.mennohaven.com and save \$5, also save if postmarked by December 20.



SAVE THOSE CANS!

Please start saving your empty and washed cans for next year's Old Settler's booth! Thank you!

NEW IN THE LIBRARY

"The Zobrist Family: Look What God Can Do", Tells about Ben Zobrist's life.
Donated by Matt Kennell

WIDER CHURCH: NEWS, EVENTS, SERVICE

MCC: NEW WAY TO DONATE KIT SUPPLIES THIS CHRISTMAS

This holiday season as you pick out gifts for loved ones, why not add a few supplies for MCC kits to your list? As families around the world face disaster and crisis, MCC kits and comforters remind them that their needs are not forgotten. There is a new, easy way for you to get involved! MCC Great Lakes has put together a list of most needed items on Amazon.com. Simply purchase the pre-selected items on the wish list and the items will ship directly to the material resource center in Goshen. (Due to space limitations at MCC Connections in Kidron, all items are being shipped to Goshen.) Thank you for joining MCC in sharing God's love and compassion in this tangible way this Christmas.



Direct link to Amazon Wish List:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2Q8X1M1HPMQ92/ref=cm_go_nav_hz
or search "MCC Great Lakes" in Amazon Wish Lists.

Jennifer Steiner, Communications Coordinator, MCC Great Lakes, 574-312-0330 (cell)

WEEKLY PRAYER AND CARE LIST

Please pray for the following requests:

Metamora Mennonite Church

- Robert Adams, Steve’s father
- Ruth Dick
- Ellis and Greta Gingrich
- J and Alicia Gingrich
- Bill Hockenbury
- Betsy Lewandowski, Don Schertz’ daughter
- Bob and Marilyn Shepard
- Don and Jan Unzicker
- Steve Zoss
- Snackpac
- Travelers
- Those in hospitals, nursing homes, and the home bound
- Those recovering from procedures and medical treatments
- The local food pantry and the needs of the people that serve and are served through that ministry

Wider Church

- Illinois Mennonite Heritage Center
- A year in prayer for Menno Haven

Open Arms Food Pantry

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| Concerns: | <i>Financial</i> |
| | • Herb |
| | <i>Health</i> |
| | • Herb |
| | • Sandra |
| | • Danny |
| | • Tim |
| | <i>Employment</i> |
| | • Danny |
| | <i>Family</i> |
| | • Sandra |

Our World

- All impacted by the fires, hurricanes and earthquakes
- Those who are unemployed or underemployed.
- Those who are lonely and/or homebound.
- Our Nation’s leaders
- The ongoing wars and the continued strains of war on soldiers, families, children and nations.
- Victims of violence, terrorism, and natural disasters.
- Pray for Peace. Act for Peace.

AMBS

New free Anabaptist Prayer Book app available. Let Jesus’ words pervade your day through these morning and evening prayer services with a distinctive Anabaptist flavor. *Take Our Moments and Our Days: An Anabaptist Prayer Book* includes Scripture-saturated prayers and space for communal reflection. Available in print or as a free app from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary’s Institute of Mennonite Studies.
www.ambbs.edu/publishing/anabaptist-prayer-book

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK

Robin Gingerich of Mennonite Mission Network has added helping Middle Eastern students adapt to life at LCC International University in Lithuania to her administrative and teaching load. Pray for Robin and the students as they study STAR (Strategies for Trauma, Awareness and Resilience) – English-learning through a curriculum of emotional healing.

MENNONITE EDUCATION AGENCY

Pray for Goshen College students, especially those who will celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday far away from their families.

Friends To Remember

Please remember our members who are not able to worship with us regularly. They value their share in our faith community.

Thank you for your kindness.
 Pastor Jon

Let us continue to pray for one another. *Psalm 147:3*

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

PRAYER LISTS AND PRAYER CHAIN

If you have an emergent need and want it on the confidential prayer chain, please contact the church office, Pastor Eric, or Pastor Jon, and we will get your request on the prayer chain as soon as possible.

If you would like your request on the Weekly Prayer and Care List, contact the church office before 9 am on Friday of each week. *Requests remain on list for 2 weeks unless we receive word otherwise.*

CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to be on the confidential prayer chain, and agree to pray on behalf of the needs of others and agree to keep all prayer requests received confidential (meaning they are not discussed with third parties), you can join the confidential prayer chain by sending secretary Michelle your e-mail address. (metmenno@mtco.com)

OFFERING**NOVEMBER BY SUNDAY**

11/05 & 11/12 \$4,679.00

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

11/05 & 11/12

Snackpac	\$80.00
Menno Haven Lunch	\$100.00
Book	\$16.00
The Mennonite	\$111.00
Woodford County	
Christmas for Children	\$25.00
Hymn and Hers	\$200.00

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULES**NOVEMBER 19 ~ AT ZION BAPTIST****NOVEMBER 26**

Greeter: Mel and Marty Fischer
Norm and LeAnne Gross

Nursery:

Worship: Phyllis Thomas
Sunday School: Miriam Roth

Worship Leader: Deb Byler

DECEMBER 3 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent

Greeter: John and Karen Garber
Phyllis Thomas

Nursery:

Worship: Deb Byler
Sunday School: Sherry Garber

Worship Leader: Mark Neumann

To place information in the Metamora Mennonite Weekly, please contact the church office by phone or email.

All items must be in the office
no later than noon on Thursday
to guarantee inclusion
in Sunday's edition.

ABOUT METAMORA MENNONITE

Metamora Mennonite Church is a local Christian community in the Mennonite tradition. We are committed to living out Jesus' way of hospitality, simplicity, prayer and peacemaking together.

We are a member of the congregation of Illinois Mennonite Conference and Mennonite Church USA.

For more information please visit our website at www.metmenno.org

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WEEKLY WORSHIP

We worship each week on Sunday morning at 9:30 am. Our worship consists of singing, scripture reading, prayer and sharing and preaching. After **the Children's story**, children 6 months to 4 years may go to the **nursery**. Following **the sermon response song**, children in K-5th grades and 3-4 year olds are dismissed to attend **Children's Hour/Sunday School**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS

11 am

Adults

- *Uniform Class* in the sanctuary
"The Critical Journey:
Stages in the Life of Faith"
in Pastor Eric's office

Children and Youth

- *K-5th and 2-4 year olds* in downstairs classrooms
- *Jr. and Sr. High* in balcony rooms

Secretary

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Office Hours:

Tues., Wed. 9 am - noon,
Fri. morning/afternoon

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or leave a message

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Office Hours:

Tues. 9:30 am - 1 pm

**ABOUT OPEN ARMS
FOOD PANTRY**

Open Arms Food Pantry provides food for the hungry in Metamora, Germantown Hills, Spring Bay, Washburn, Lowpoint and Cazenovia, IL.

There are no hoops to jump through, just come to the pantry on Tuesday or Saturday between 9 am and noon.

For more information, please visit the Open Arms page on the MMC website at: www.metmenno.org

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